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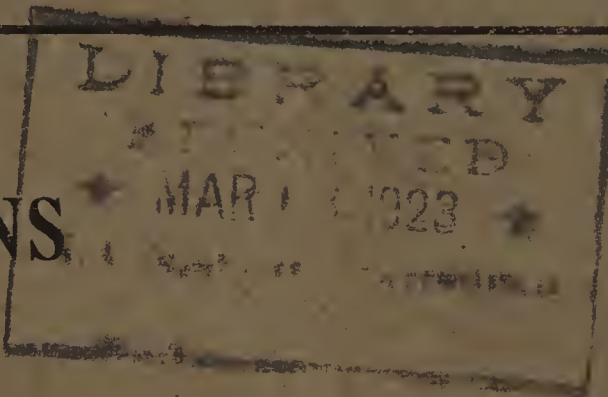


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Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs are organized in Guam under the supervision of the Guam Agricultural Experiment Station in cooperation with the Department of Education. A boy or girl who joins one of these clubs will grow a certain crop or raise certain animals according to instructions which will be given by the experiment station.

OBJECTS OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK

The reasons for organizing boys' and girls' clubs on this island may be briefly stated as follows:

1—To teach the boys and girls the principles of modern agriculture by having them do some definite lines of work at home under proper supervision.

2—To bring the school life of the boy and girl in closer touch with the home life.

3—To furnish an organized means of making a permanent improvement in the agriculture of the island.

4—To enlarge the vision of the boy and girl by putting them in touch with what is being done in other places.

5—To make better citizens by giving the future men and women a definite purpose in life.

RULES FOR CLUBS

Any boy or girl in Guam under 19 years of age may become a member of a club provided he can meet the requirements. It is not necessary that he be attending school, although the greater part of the club members are school children.

Corn Club

1—Each member must grow at least one-tenth acre of corn according to instructions.

2—Instructions must be followed as closely as possible.

3—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

4—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Bean Club

1—Each member must grow a plot of beans measuring at least 500 square feet.

2—Instructions must be followed as closely as possible.

3—Any variety of beans approved by the superintendent of extension work may be grown.

4—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

5—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Garden Club

1—Each member must grow a garden that measures at least 500 square feet.

2—Not less than three different kinds of vegetables should be grown in the garden.

3—Instructions must be followed as closely as possible.

4—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

5—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Copra Club

1—Each member must care for at least ten coconut trees and make copra from the nuts obtained from the trees.

2—Instructions for the care of the trees and the making of the copra must be followed as closely as possible.

3—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

4—An exhibit of copra and coconuts must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Root Crop Club

1—Each member must grow a plot of root crops measuring at least 500 square feet.

2—The following crops may be grown: taro, sweet potatoes, yams, cassava, arrowroot and edible canna.

3—Instructions must be followed as closely as possible.

4—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

5—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Pig Club

1—Each member must care for at least one pig according to instructions.

2—Any age or sex of pig may be used, but the member is advised to secure a female of breeding age if possible.

3—Instructions as to feed, care and breeding must be followed as closely as possible.

4—A record must be kept and a report made of the season's work.

5—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

Poultry Club

1—Each member must raise the chickens from at least ten eggs.

2—Eggs of an improved variety of chickens should be used if possible.

3—Instructions must be followed as closely as possible.

4—An exhibit must be made at a local contest and at the Guam Fair.

LOCAL CLUB ORGANIZATIONS

All of the club members of one district will be grouped into an organization to be known as the Boys' and Girls' Club of..... District.

A club supervisor is appointed by the superintendent of extension work with the advice of the superintendent of schools.

In most cases the supervisor is the principal of the local school.

A meeting of the local club should be held by the supervisor at least every two weeks; once a week is much better. At these meetings reports are made by each member on the progress of his work. The supervisor should keep a record of the progress of each member on blanks that are provided for that purpose.

Meetings of Supervisors

A meeting of all club supervisors and their assistants is held on the first and third Saturdays of each month in connection with the Normal School at Agana. Teachers from the south end of the island attend only one meeting a month on account of the lack of transportation facilities.

At each meeting, reports are made by the supervisors on the progress of the club work in each district. Directions and suggestions pertaining to the work are also given at this time.

INSTRUCTIONS

Printed instructions for each club activity are issued by the experiment station. These instructions are written in simple language that can be understood by the average club member. All members are expected to follow these instructions as closely as possible.

The regular instructions, circulars and papers are supplemented by Department of Agriculture bulletins and circulars that apply to Guam conditions.

INSPECTION OF CLUB MEMBERS' WORK

Each supervisor should inspect the work of his club members at least once every two weeks.

The superintendent of extension work visits each district about every six weeks. At this time an inspection is made of the work of the members of the local club. In visiting the ranches of the club members he is accompanied by the local supervisor and all the members of the district. Each member's work is inspected and discussed by all present. In this way the boys and girls receive actual instruction in the field. They also have an opportunity of comparing their work with that of other members.

REPORTS

Each boy or girl engaged in a club activity is required to keep a record of the season's work and to make a report on blanks which will be supplied for that purpose.

A story of how the member carried on his club work should be attached to each report.

Reports should be made out promptly at the end of the season, and given to the supervisor of the local club who will send them to the superintendent of extension work.

The club year is divided into two seasons, beginning March first and October first.

PRIZES

Every club member who does good work has an opportunity to win some of the many prizes that are offered by various organizations.

District Fairs

The club members of every district on the island have a chance to

exhibit their products at a local fair. In case there is no district fair, a club contest is held. At these fairs liberal prizes are offered for the best exhibits and for the best reports and stories of the season's work. For further information see the premium list or consult the secretary or superintendent of the boys' and girls' department of your local fair.

The Guam Fair

The annual Guam Fair has a department devoted to boys' and girls' clubs. In this department substantial prizes are offered for the best exhibits of all kinds of club products and for the best reports and stories of the season's work. Further information may be obtained from the premium list of the Guam Fair or from some member of the fair committee.

Other Prizes

In addition to the premiums offered by the various fairs, a number of prizes are offered by private individuals and by other organizations both in Guam and in the United States. These prizes consist of cash, subscriptions to papers, purebred eggs, high grade livestock, trophy cups, medals, scholarships, etc. See the special announcements for the amount and value of these prizes.

GRADES FOR LOCAL CLUBS

At the end of each season each local club is graded on the work that it has done. In this way each district can tell just where it stands in relation to the other districts of the island. The grading is done according to score cards which have been devised for the purpose.

Score Card for Corn, Bean, Garden, and Root Crop Clubs

Number of members enrolled	20	points
Per cent of members making reports	20	"
Average yield per member	20	"
Exhibits at fairs	20	"
Quality of work done by members	20	"
Total	100	"

Score Card for Copra Club

Number of members enrolled	25	points
Per cent of members making reports	25	"
Exhibits at fairs	25	"
Quality of work done by members	25	"
Total	100	"

Score Card for Pig and Poultry Clubs

Number of members enrolled	25	points
Per cent of members making reports	25	"
Exhibits at fairs	25	"
Quality of work done by members	25	"
Total	100	"

For further information regarding boys' and girls' clubs see your teacher or some member of the staff of the Guam Agricultural Experiment Station.



